



## E. Sue Helmers

June 7, 2009

E. Sue (Freer) Helmers, age 81, of Gravois Mills, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2009, at the Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born November 29, 1927, in Leavenworth, Kansas, the daughter of the late Earl J. and Agnes M. Andermatt Freer.

She attended Coffin grade school in Leavenworth, Kansas. Following graduation from grade school, she attended Paseo High School in Kansas City, and graduated in 1946, and was a member of the National Honor Society. Following graduation from high school, she attended Sarachon School of Business, and completed a course at LaSalle University.

She was a member of various organizations including the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 30-02 where she was elected Commander in 1979-1980. She retired in July 2002, after 18 years of service in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. She was a past member of the Women's International Bowling Congress, the International PBX Club, and honorary member of Braniff Jet Setters, and retired in 1976, after over 20 years in the administrative field from the American Academy of Family Physicians in Kansas City. She was also a past member of the Lake Ozark Yachting Association, an honorary member of the United States Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington D.C., and a member of the Westlake Newcomer's Club at the Lake of the Ozarks.

She was united in marriage to George H. Helmers in Scottsdale, Arizona, on March 19, 1965, and he preceded her in death on September 5, 1988.

She is survived by two sisters, Rose Lowe of Leavenworth, Kansas, and Josie Finley of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; one step-daughter, Suzanne Collins and husband Walter of Stillwell, Kansas; three step-grandchildren, Robert K. Collins, Heather Collins, and Christine Collins, all of Stillwell, Kansas; one half-brother, Kenneth Freer of Athens, Illinois; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Albert M. Freer, and a half-sister, Charlotte Ethel.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Thursday, June 11, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Thursday, at the funeral home. Entombment will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 12, at the Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church or to the charity of the donor's choice. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.